



Howdy, I'm Wilbur
the Water Warrior.
EVERY DROP COUNTS!

BOTTLED vs TAP WATER

Choosing Muswellbrook tap water over bottled water saves \$1000's and the environment. Some people say they choose bottled water due to taste and health. The information below may make tap water your choice.

COST



• On average bottled water costs \$3.50 per litre

Drink 2 litres / day from bottles
= about \$2600 / year.

COST

• Less than 1 cent/litre (0.00187 to 0.0027 cents/litre).



Drink 2 litres / day from the tap
= about \$1.50 / year.

HEALTH



• Bottled water is neither healthier nor more hydrating than tap water. Some bottled water is just filtered tap water.

HEALTH



• Muswellbrook Water meets stringent requirements of the Australian Drinking Water Guidelines which are some of the strictest in the world.
• Weekly health Compliance Monitoring Tests – by NATA accredited laboratory.
• Daily testing by staff.

TASTE



• Experiments have shown that many people can't tell the difference.

TASTE



• If you don't like the taste of tap water, a water filter is a lot cheaper in the long run than buying bottled water. Or add something like a slice of lemon for taste.

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT



• Millions of single use plastic bottles being created then littered or put into landfill.
• Difficult to find a market to recycle as there are so many bottles.
• The bottles need to travel long distances and use a lot of fuel. It takes 250 mL of oil and three litres of water to produce one litre of bottled water.
• About 373 million plastic water bottles end up as waste each year.
• A plastic water bottle can take anywhere from 400-1,000 years to break down.
• Plastic bottles are among the 10 most common rubbish items picked up on Clean Up Australia Day.

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• There are some impacts from creating dams that restrict water and animal movement.

Ref: US-based policy research organisation, The Pacific Institute. Clean Up Australia
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<https://www.choice.com.au/food-and-drink/drinks/water/articles/tap-water-vs-bottled-water>

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